

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISPRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT-OF MARYLAND

DENISE THORNTON, Individually, and as in Personal Representative of the Estate of Cierra Randolph 9625 Axehead Court Baltimore, Maryland 21133,

ADRIAN MILES, as Parent and Next Friend of A.M., a Minor, 4108 Frankford Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21206,

KEITH RANDOLPH, Individually,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MARYLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL, 827 Linden Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21201,

and

HAROLD T. ROWSON, 827 Linden Avenue Baltimore, Maryland, 20201,

Defendants,

MARYLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL, 827 Linden Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21201,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

v.

DANA LEE, M.D., 1111 Washington Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21230, WMN 13 CV 0 1 62

Civil No.

Third-Party Defendant.

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## NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant Dana Lee, M.D., by the undersigned counsel, respectfully represents:

- 1. Dr. Lee has been named a third-party defendant in the above-captioned civil action now pending in the Circuit Court of Maryland for Baltimore City, Case No. 24-C-11-2611. The cross-claim against Dr. Lee was filed in State Court on or about January 9, 2013. An amended cross-complaint was filed on January 11, 2013. Copies of all process, pleadings, and orders received by Dr. Lee in such action are attached hereto at Exhibit 1. Independently, after receiving notice of this action, undersigned counsel retrieved from the State Court copies of the relevant documents in the State Court file. Those documents, including the original complaint, are attached at Exhibit 2.
- 2. The original complaint filed by the Plaintiffs concerns allegations of medical malpractice against, inter alia, the health care providers employed by Defendant Maryland General Hospital ("MGH") for the care and treatment rendered to Cierra Randolph at Maryland General on November 4-5, 2010. Plaintiffs dropped their claims against Dr. Lee. However, on January 9, 2013, MGH filed a cross-claim against Dr. Lee, asserting that it is entitled to indemnity and/or contribution from Dr. Lee should the Plaintiffs prevail on any of their claims against MGH. As set forth in the third-party complaint, for all times relevant to the complaint, Dr. Lee was deemed to be a federal employee and was certified as acting within the scope of his federal employment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2679. As such, jurisdiction is vested in the United States District Court because an employee of the United States has been named a third-party defendant.

- 3. As such, this case is removed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1442 because it is a case against, or directed to, an officer of the United States.
- 4. WHEREFORE, this action now pending in the Circuit Court of Maryland for Baltimore City is properly removed to this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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This Notice of Removal has been signed pursuant to Rule 11, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on January 1, 2013 a copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal was sent, first class, postage prepaid to:

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